



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2023
TO: Chair Bryson and the CBJ Public Works and Facilities Committee
FROM: Denise Koch, Engineering & Public Works Director
SUBJECT: FY2025 Draft Legislative Capital Priorities

The purpose of this memo is to shepherd the FY2025 Draft Legislative Capital Priorities list to the next phase, Assembly ranking. To do that, PWFC needs to agree on a list to forward to members. The process and schedule for Legislative Priorities were shared at the November 6 PWFC meeting. All 40 advisory boards and commissions were invited to provide input to the committee on the draft priorities, including proposing new projects for your consideration.

The condensed draft list attached takes all that input into account. Changes from the comprehensive FY2025 DRAFT provided at the November 6 meeting include:

REMOVING:

- **Bartlett Aurora Behavioral Health Center.** The Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) Board of Directors requests that this project be removed for consideration for the FY25 list as it has been completed and is no longer a capital priority.

ADDING: (Boards were asked to support/recommend up to two projects. The top two submissions are listed below and included in the attached draft)

- **Bartlett Emergency Department (ED) Renovation/Expansion.** (#1 priority of BRH Board)
- **Shore Power at Dock 16B.** (#1 priority of Juneau Commission on Sustainability, last included in FY23 LCP list¹)
- **Eaglecrest Employee and Tourism Workforce Housing.** (#2 priority of Eaglecrest Board)

Other projects not on this list. The direction to boards and commissions clearly stated to support/submit no more than 2 projects. However, in the case where a body submitted more than two, new projects were only included in your draft list if the body ranked them in their top two. For example, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee submitted the Capital City Community Center as their 4th priority and the Planning Commission listed a Deferred Maintenance fund as their 3rd priority. Correspondence from the boards and commissions listing all stated priorities is included in your packet and will be passed on to the full body.

How will CBJ use this list?

This list is submitted to the state and federal delegation annually. It also informs staff on what projects to spend energy on because the Assembly has ranked them highly. The list will be submitted as adopted by the Assembly (with backup provided in the full Legislative Capital Priorities booklet) to the State delegation. However, it is not as straightforward with the Federal delegation. Only certain budget subaccounts are eligible for congressionally directed spending. Historically this has included

¹ FY23 Shore Power at Dock 16B project description provided on page 10 of the adopted FY2023 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List linked here: <https://juneau.org/archive/entry/82084>

Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Housing, and Economic Development. While guidance on the FY25 CDS process has not yet been released, and changes in congressional leadership and funding sources could similarly change which projects are most competitive, we can make educated guesses based on FY24 guidance. CBJ staff will work closely with our lobbyist, Katie Kachel, to advance the top priorities on this list in the most competitive way possible, taking into account available funding and spheres of influence of our delegation.

Next Steps?

After PWFC edits, amends, and hopefully passes the list, Engineering & Public Works will distribute it to the Assembly for ranking over the holidays. The packet will include instructions and backup material provided by the boards and commissions. Members have until December 29th to submit their priorities, which will then be reviewed at the Finance Committee on January 10th before adoption by the body at the January 29th COW. Materials will be provided electronically and in hard copy.

Requested Action: Make decisions on whether to remove and add projects as recommended by boards and commissions. Make any other desired changes. Approve the list to distribute to the Assembly for ranking.

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A: FY25 LCP New Project Submission Slides

B: Draft FY2025 Legislative Capital Priority List with Board Commission Input_PWFC

C: Correspondence from CBJ Boards and Commissions

D: SRRC Legislative Capital Priorities Recommendations

E: FY2025 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities DRAFT for Review_10.26.23 (*Note: On page 5, the draft list will be substituted with the FY2025 list upon adoption. All project descriptions have been revised*)